



Personal and Organizational Well-Being in Schools

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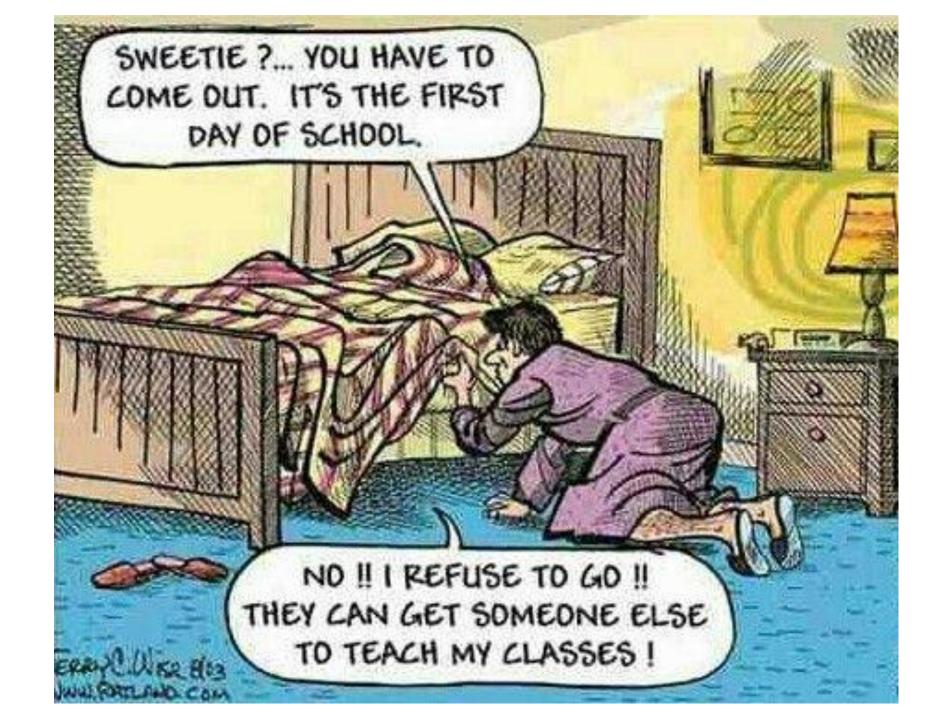
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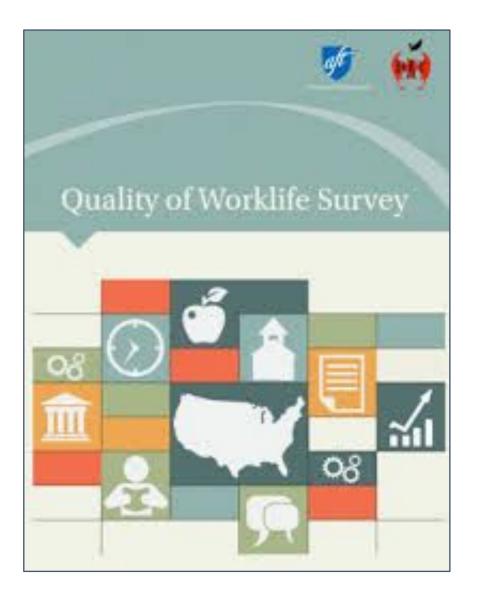
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- Established in 1995 with funding from the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration
- The NCSMH mission is to strengthen policies and programs in school mental health to improve learning and promote success for America's youth.



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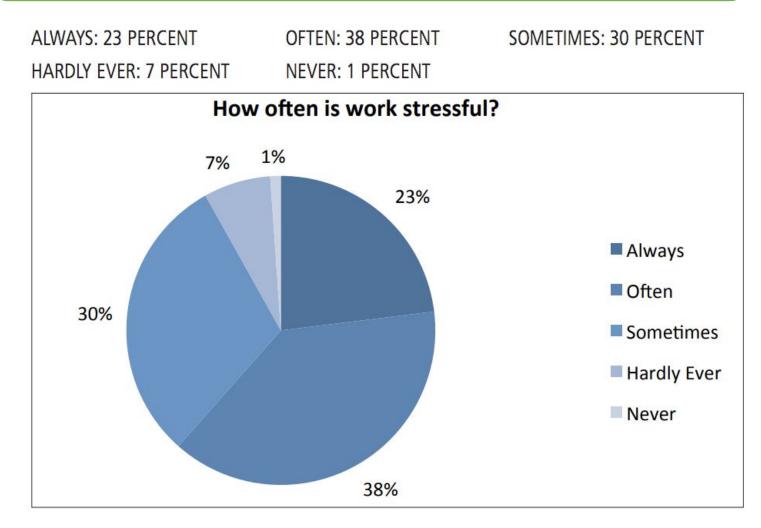


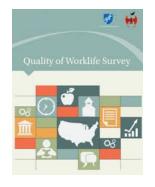
Here's what we want you to know...

https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/2017_eqwl_survey_web.pdf

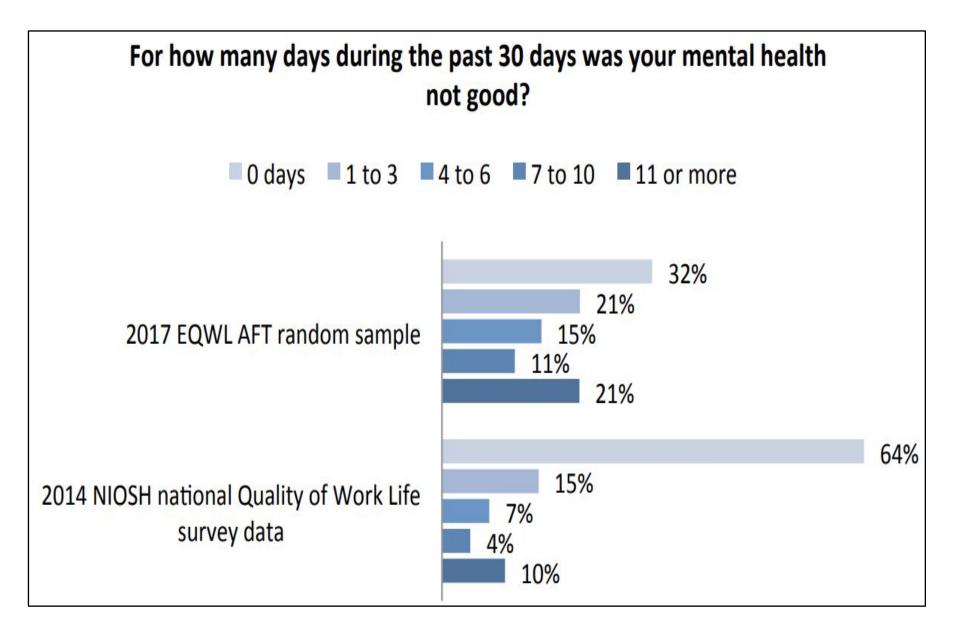


"For the past eight years, my blood pressure is consistently 20 points higher during the school year than in the summer." "This job is stressful, overwhelming and hard. I am overworked, underpaid, underappreciated, questioned and blamed for things that are out of my control."

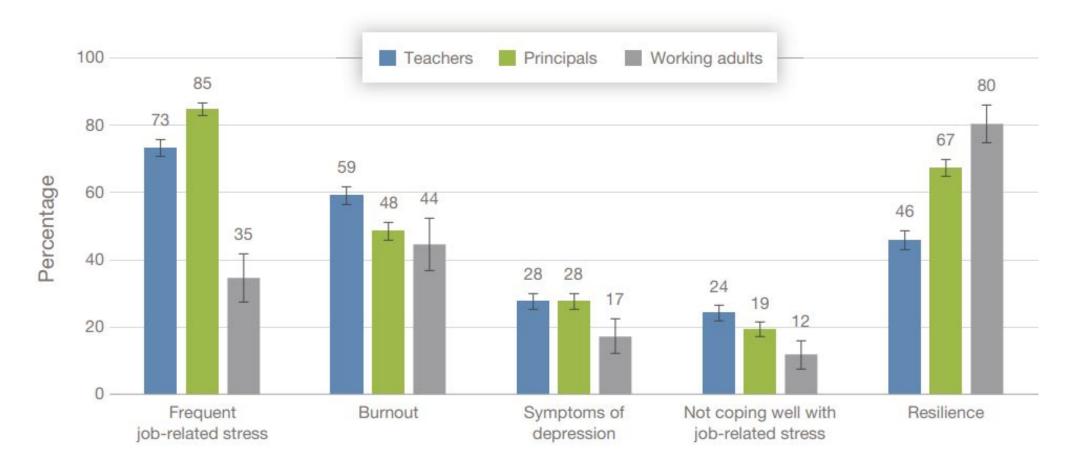




"There isn't much support for teachers suffering from mental health issues. We're worried that it will be a reason to be given negative evaluations or fired."



Well-Being of Teachers, Principals, and Working Adults in January 2022



NOTE: This figure shows the percentage of teachers (dark blue), principals (green), and working adults (light blue) who reported experiencing each indicator of well-being. The vertical black bars represent the 95-percent confidence interval for each estimate. Teachers N = 2,349; principals N = 1,532; working adults N = 500.

Steiner, Elizabeth D., Sy Doan, Ashley Woo, Allyson D. Gittens, Rebecca Ann Lawrence, Lisa Berdie, Rebecca L. Wolfe, Lucas Greer, and Heather L. Schwartz, Restoring Teacher and Principal Well-Being Is an Essential Step for Rebuilding Schools: Findings from the State of the American Teacher and State of the American Principal Surveys. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2022.



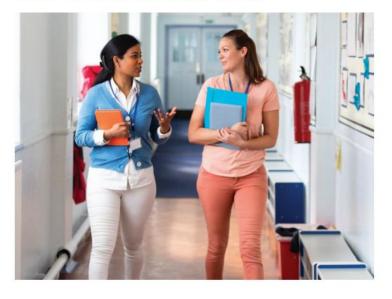


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Research Report

Restoring Teacher and Principal Well-Being Is an Essential Step for Rebuilding Schools

Findings from the State of the American Teacher and State of the American Principal Surveys



- Teachers and principals reported worse well-being than other working adults.
- Poor well-being and adverse working conditions were associated with teachers' and principals' intentions to leave their jobs, while supportive school environments were linked to better well-being and a decreased likelihood of intentions to leave.
- Majorities of teachers and principals reported coping well with their job-related stress and intended to stay in their current jobs.



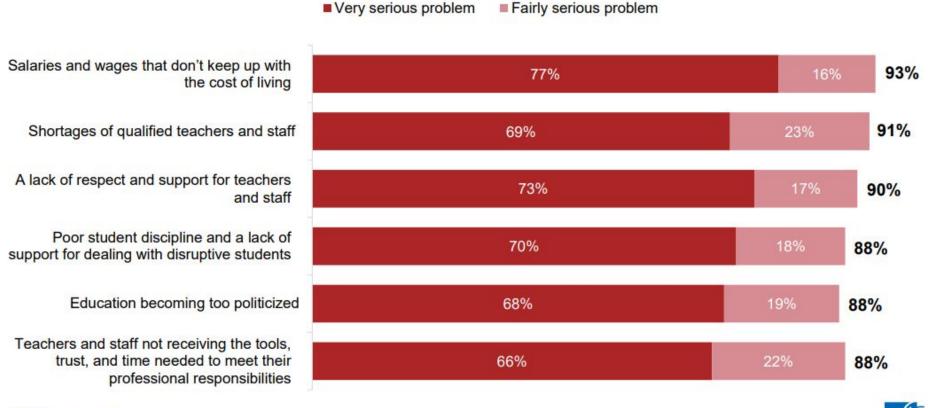


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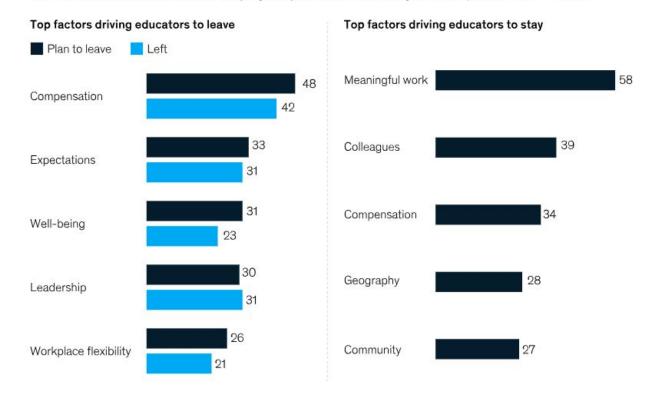
Reasons Teachers are Leaving the Field





Interpersonal factors drive educators to stay in their roles, while unmanageable work environments can drive them to leave.

Reasons that education sector employees plan to leave vs stay, % of respondents (n = 1,899)



Note: Sample sizes are as follows: plan to stay, 59% (n = 1,126); plan to leave, 27% (n = 518); left, 13% (n = 255). Source: Aaron De Smet, Bonnie Dowling, Bryan Hancock, and Bill Schaninger, "The Great Attrition is making hiring harder. Are you searching the right talent pools?," *McKinsey Quarterly*, July 13, 2022

McKinsey & Company

https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/education/our-insights/k-12-teachers-are-quitting-what-would-make-them-stay





What is Well-Being?

Individual (or personal) well-being is a state of feeling satisfied, fulfilled, and having a sense of meaning or purpose.

Organization well-being is an organization's efforts to promote and maintain the physical, psychological, and social health for all employees.





Importance of Well-Being

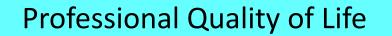
•Positive well-being allows us to better respond to stress and adversity.

- •Being well improves our lives both at work and at home.
 - It optimizes our ability to be fully engaged in our work in schools and to deliver our professional skills.
 - It optimizes our ability to engage in meaningful relationships with our family, friends, and communities.

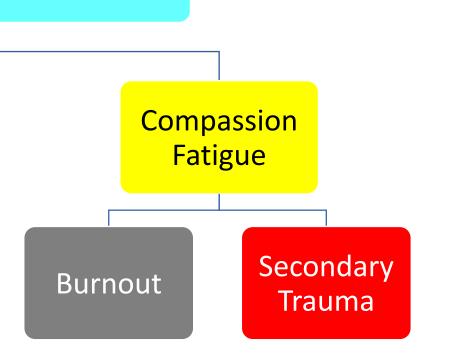




Compassion Satisfaction – Compassion Fatigue Model



Compassion Satisfaction



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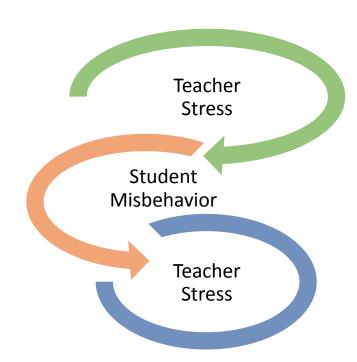
Teacher Stress Impacts Students

When teachers are highly stressed...

- Students show lower levels of social adjustment
- Lower student academic performance
- More student behavior problems Greenberg, Brown, & Abenavoli (2016)

Classrooms led by a teacher who reported feeling overwhelmed (high burnout) had students with much higher cortisol levels.

Oberle & Schonert-Reichl (2016)









Individual Reflection

Think of a time that you experienced compassion fatigue or great stress from your work

- How did you know you were experiencing it?
- How did you feel? What patterns of behavior did you experience?
- How did it influence your ability to do your job?





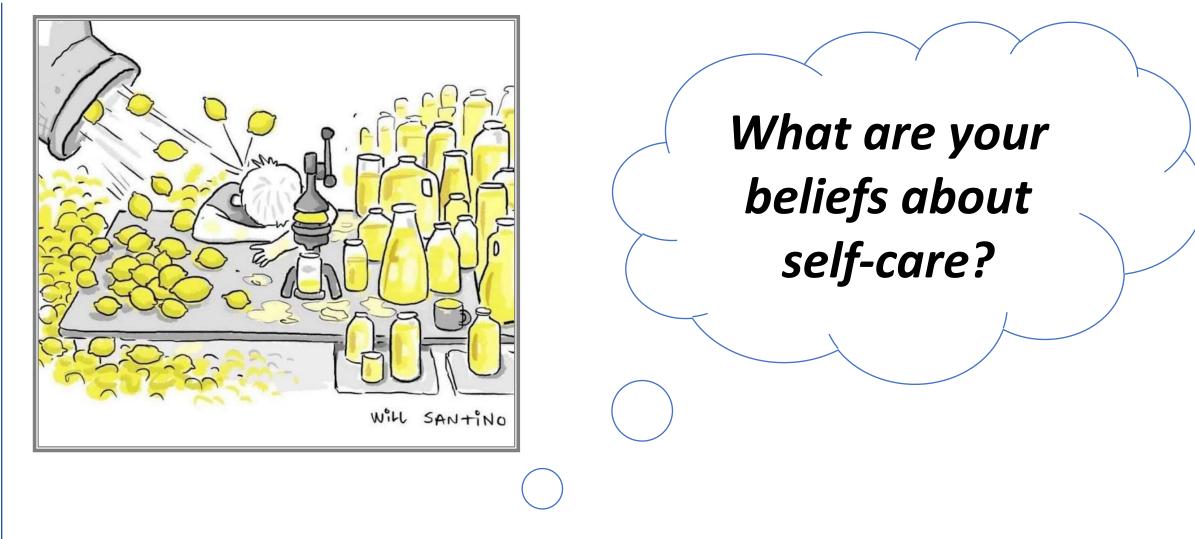


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TeacherWISE



TeacherWISE is a research-informed program that helps teachers and school staff manage five areas of their well-being:



https://teacherwise.org/

Teacher & Classroom focused
 Self paced online modules
 Downloadable PDF also workbook
 Additional resources on the website

www.providerwellbeing.org

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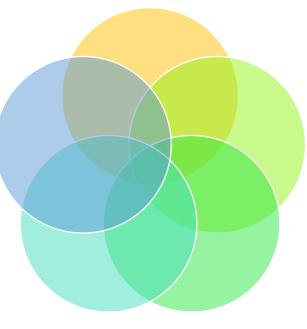
- Mental Health and Behavioral Health focused
- Self paced online modules
- Additional resources including mindfulness audio scripts





5 Components of Well-Being: POISE

- Physical
- •Occupational
- Intellectual
- •Social
- •Emotional







Physical health



- Nutrition
- Sleep
- Active Hobbies
- ✓ Exercise
- Music







Occupational Health

- Satisfaction & Rewards of Your Job
- Managing Your Time Effectively
- Overcoming Procrastination
- Clear Roles and Expectations
- Ongoing and Constructive Feedback
- Opportunity for Mentorship or Constructive Feedback

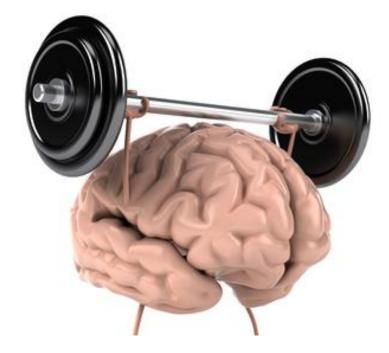






Intellectual Health

- Opportunity to grow and flourish
- Meaning in Life and Work
- Professional Development
- Intellectual Stimulation





Social Health

Positive social relationships and social encounters

Feeling Connected



Opportunity to openly express feelings

Unconditional Support







Emotional Health



Feeling positive emotions and managing distressing emotions





Steps in Self-Care Planning

- **1.** Understand type of stress
- 2. Identify personal stress manifestations
- 3. Understand current ways of working through stress
- 4. Select new/additional coping strategies
- 5. Try it out and refine





Professional Quality of Life (<u>www.proqol.org</u>)

- Free
- A 30-item self report, self scored
- Compassion Satisfaction and Compassion Fatigue Scales
- Compassion Fatigue subscales
 - Burnout
 - Secondary Trauma

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF LIFE SCALE (PROQOL)

COMPASSION SATISFACTION AND COMPASSION FATIGUE (PROQOL) VERSION 5 (2009)

When you [*help*] people you have direct contact with their lives. As you may have found, your compassion for those you [*help*] can affect you in positive and negative ways. Below are some-questions about your experiences, both positive and negative, as a [*helper*]. Consider each of the following questions about you and your current work situation. Select the number that honestly reflects how frequently you experienced these things in the <u>last 30 days</u>.

I=Nev	er 2=Rarely	3=Sometimes	4=Often	5=Very Often
Ĺ.	l am happy.			
2.	I am preoccupied with more	e than one person I [help].		
3.	I get satisfaction from being	able to [help] people.		
4.	I feel connected to others.			
5.	l jump or am startled by une	expected sounds.		
6.	I feel invigorated after work	ing with those I [help].		
7.	I find it difficult to separate i	my personal life from my life	as a [helper].	
8.	l am not as productive at we [help].	ork because I am losing sleep	over traumatic exp	eriences of a person
9.	I think that I might have bee	n affected by the traumatic s	tress of those I [help	b].
10.	I feel trapped by my job as a	[helper].		
11.	Because of my [helping], I h	ave felt "on edge" about vario	ous things.	
12.	I like my work as a [helper].			

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Ways in Which I am Affected by Stress

Physical Signs (musculoskeletal and visceral)

- Body Tension (stiffness, tense muscles, headaches, eye strain)
- Restless Energy (twitching, tapping, grinding teeth, picking skin, trembling/shaking, voice quivering)
- Biting nails
- Stuttering/stammering
- Body responses (heart pounding, chills, dry mouth, sweating, dizziness, GI issues)
- Changes in sleep or appetite





Ways in Which I am Affected by Stress

Mood and Demeanor

- Preoccupied
- Uneasy/uncomfortable
- •Edgy
- Anxious
- Exhausted
- Forgetful
- •Nervous
- Irritable

NA / **I**





Week of:	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
1=no stress; 5	= modera	tely stress	ed but ha	ndling; 10	most stre.	ssed I've e	ever been	
Stress Rating								
Coping menting cosed.								
Frequent Headaches		1						Stress Reactio
Joint/Neck Stiffness	+:	8		9				
Trembling/Shaking								Log
Stuttering/Stammering		2						
Biting Nails		8 8		8				
Eye Strain								
Tense Muscle/Back								
Restlessness								
Voice Quivering								
Picking Skin								





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Healthy ways to respond to stress



Healthy Alternative Activities Doing something else, distract yourself



Reframing Finding the lesson to be learned in this situation



Problem Solving

Breaking down the issue or trying to look at it differently



Social Support

Seeking ideas or clarity from others





Positive Ways of Working Through Stress

Please read each item below and think about how you have coped with stressful experiences. Using the following rating scale, **circle** to what extent you have used the strategies listed below.

0=Don't Use 1=Use a few times per Month 2=Use most Weeks	3=	Use	mos	t Days
1. Used a substitute healthy activity to clear my mind for a bit.	0	1	2	3
2. Let my feelings out in a safe place/way.	0	1	2	3
3. Wrote/drew/journaled about my experiences.	0	1	2	3
4. Exercised/jogged/worked out.	0	1	2	3
5. Listened to music that improves how I feel.	0	1	2	3
6. Tried to sleep or eat better to improve my body readiness for stress.	0	1	2	3
7. Looked for the good/positive side or lessons I could learn.	0	1	2	3

- **1-6** Healthy Alternative Activities
- 7-12 Reframing
- 13-18 Problem Solving
- 19-24 Social Support





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Coping Activity Used?							
		r	1	1		L	
Frequent Headaches	-						
Joint/Neck Stiffness							
Trembling/Shaking							
Stuttering/Stammering		8					
Biting Nails							
Eye Strain							
Tense Muscle/Back							
Restlessness							
Voice Quivering							
Picking Skin		8					

Stress Reaction Log





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Putting it all together: Self Care Plan

1. Fill in the coping strategy you want to try this week in the top row.

2. Used CS row: Mark whether or not you used the strategy that day. You can also note the number of times you used the strategy.

3. Rating row: Using the scale below, rate the effectiveness of the coping strategy.

Effectiveness Rating scale

- 2 I felt considerably worse
- 1 I felt a little worse
- 0 I didn't notice a difference
- +1 I felt a little better
- +2 I felt considerably better

4. At the end of the week, average the daily effectiveness of the coping strategy.

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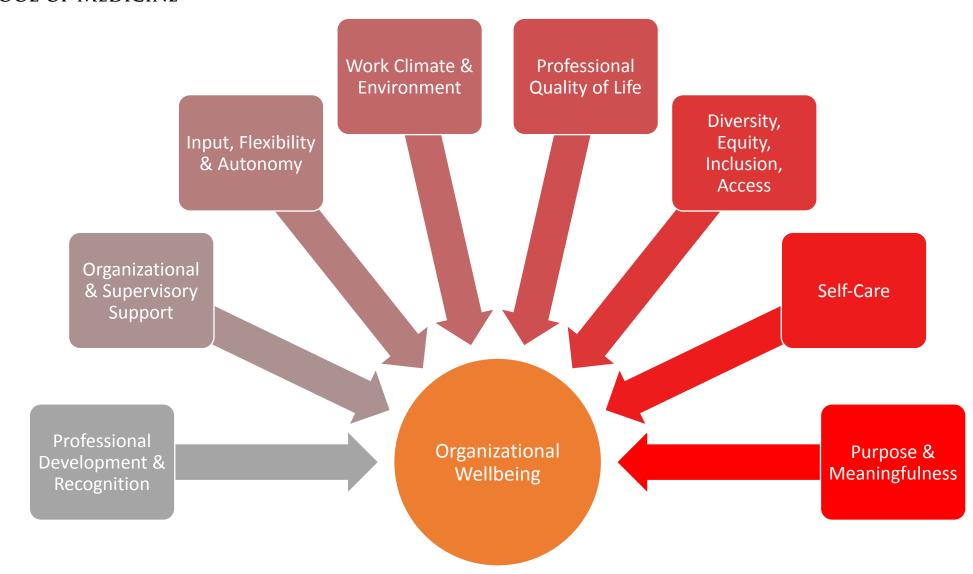


Organizational Well-Being

An organization's ability to **promote** and maintain the **physical**, **psychological**, **and social health** for all employees.

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Source: National Center for School Mental Health



The OWBI-S lives here.

Check out our other

resources – all free.



Organization Well-being Inventory for Schools (OWBI-S)

Welcome to SHAPE! Explore all that SHAPE has to offer to improve your entity's school mental health system. Map your school mental health system and supports Teams are encouraged to start with the School Mental Health Profile, which asks about the structure and operations of your school mental health system. This profile is part of the National School Mental Health Census, an effort to capture the status of school mental health nationally. Assess system quality using national performance measures School Mental Health Quality Assessment Trauma Responsiveness Organizational Well-Being Inventory for Schools (OWBI-S) Improve your school mental health system Custom reports help guide your team's strategic planning for system improvement Use the Resource Library to inform continuous quality improvement. Learn and Share SHAPE Support your schools and districts as they Map, Assess, and Improve using National Performance Measures Learn about SHAPE features and how to share information about the SHAPE system with others **Mv Districts** View data related to school mental health from districts across your state in the "My Districts" tab.



Input, Flexibility & Autonomy

- 1. My school provides employees with a clear, effective process for giving feedback about practices and policies.
- 2. My school incorporates employees' feedback into decisions about practices and policies

- 3. Employees at my school are involved in the creation of new and updated policies and procedures.
- 4. Employees at my school feel empowered to speak up about concerns they have in the workplace.
- 5. Employees at my school feel empowered to bring up ideas and make suggestions to improve the school.
- 6. Employees at my school are supported to function well autonomously.
- 7. Employees at my school are given the autonomy to self-manage their work.
- 8. My school accommodates individual needs or responsibilities in employees' personal lives

Work Climate & Environment

Indicators:

1. My school exterior and interior spaces are well-lit and physically well maintained (e.g., clean, secure, healthy).

2. My school provides employees with adequate resources to complete their job duties (e.g., providing adequate space, good Informational Technology (IT) systems, other practice supports).

- 3. Information and resources about employee rights and staff well-being are posted in places that are visible.
- 4. My school does not tolerate and appropriately responds to sexual harassment and other forms of harassment by adults or students.
- 5. My school has a formal, confidential process for employee grievances/complaints that is managed by those in the appropriate role.
- 6. My school only schedules meetings or activities that are relevant to my work and/or are an efficient use of my time.
- 7. Leaders in my school delegate work effectively. 8. Employees in my school are supported in setting and adhering to healthy workload boundaries.

Professional Development & Recognition

- My school provides all employees with training related to their specific job tasks.
- Employees are provided opportunities, 7. coverage, and continuing education credit to attend helpful trainings related to their role.
 8.

- 3. My school provides information and skills training and/or education on the steps necessary to advance in one's role.
- 4. My school provides leadership development training.
- 5. My school offers perks/special privileges (e.g., better parking space) to employees who demonstrate high quality performance.
- 6. My school regularly recognizes and celebrates professional accomplishments (e.g., promotions).
- 7. My school regularly recognizes and celebrates personal milestones and successes (e.g., birthdays, life events).
- 8. My school recognizes people's passions, including activities and hobbies beyond work.

Organizational & Supervisory Support

- School employee roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and adhered to.
- 2. Staff-to-student ratios are sufficient for staff to effectively perform their jobs.

- 3. My school provides helpful support for administrative tasks and procedures (e.g., completing paperwork).
- 4. All employees at my school receive sufficient, timely, and relevant supervision and coaching.
- 5. My school provides effective and timely support to address instructional issues (e.g., new curricula).
- 6. My school provides effective and timely support to address student-related issues (e.g., student emotional and behavioral concerns).
 - 7. Our employee evaluation procedure is clear and fair.
- 8. School employees feel comfortable discussing concerns about the school or their job with supervisors without fear of negative consequences (e.g., being treated differently, feeling like their job is in jeopardy or having it impact their role on the team).

Self-Care

- 1. My school provides continuous education and training for all employees to understand the connection between stress, well-being, and health including signs of burnout, compassion fatigue, and/or vicarious or secondary trauma.
- 2. My school provides protected time and encourages employees to participate in self-care and self-compassion activities.

- 3. An employee assistance program (EAP) is readily available to all employees and its use is encouraged.
- 4. Time is allotted in supervision and/or yearly reviews to freely discuss job stress and self-care strategies.
- 5. My school provides opportunities and space for all employees to practice mindfulness/take quiet time during the day.
- 6. My school provides sufficient time for employees to take breaks during the day.
- 7. My school strongly encourages use of sick and vacation time.
- 8. At regular intervals, my school measures employee well-being and self-care.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Access

- **1.** My school has a clear working definition of diversity, equity, inclusion, and access.
- 2. Information about diversity, equity, inclusion, and access is posted in places that are visible.

- 3. My school regularly engages continuous quality improvement of organizational processes and practices related to DEIA.
- 4. My school provides training to all employees on diversity, equity, inclusion, and access.
- 5. My school engages in equitable decision-making by including input from multiple sources.
- 6. There is a clear feedback process and point of contact for diversity and equity related matters, including mechanisms to support employees harmed by acts of discrimination.
- 7. My school provides culturally relevant instruction, supports, and services to its students.
- 8. Employees feel accepted and respected in my school.

Purpose & Meaningfulness

- My school supports employees to identify their personal values and align those with their work.
- 2. Employees are proud to work in my school.

- 3. Job assignments and responsibilities are shaped around the employees' interests and strengths.
- 4. My school provides tasks and activities that are personally meaningful to employees.
- 5. Employees derive a sense of purpose from their careers.
- 6. My school provides opportunities for employees to identify their professional goals.
- 7. Employees feel that their work has meaningful impact.
- 8. The school helps employees recognize the value of their unique contributions to the overall mission of the school.

Professional Quality of Life

- 1. The workload for employees is reasonable and achievable.
- 2. Employees' training and skills are well ^r utilized by my school.

- 3. Employees feel their day-to-day tasks make a difference.
- 4. Employees are happy to work in my school.
- 5. Employees enjoy the people they work with at my school.
- 6. My school creates a sense of collegiality and teamwork among employees.
- 7. My school encourages new ideas and innovations from employees.
- 8. My school encourages appropriate boundaries between work and personal life.

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Summary Report











OWBI for Schools Schools (OWBI-S) Progress Report JEFFERSON UNITED Reporting Period: September 2018 - June 2019 Date of Report: 09/04/2023 Entered By: 2 Users Understanding this ORGANIZATIONAL WELL-BEING INVENTORY FOR SCHOOLS (OWBI-S) DOMAINS Summary This report is generated based on PROFICIENT the information you provided for Composite Score the OWBI-S survey. The 4 Professional Development and Recognition composite score for each domain 3.6 Self-Care is the average of your ratings for every item within the domain. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access (DEIA) 4 Composite scores of 1.0-1.9 are 4 Purpose and Meaningfulness classified as "Emerging" areas, 2.0-2.9 are classified as Composite Score "Progressing" areas, and 3.0-4.0 2.6 Work Climate & Environment are classified as areas of "Proficient." 2.9 Input, Flexibility & Autonomy 2 Organizational and Supervisory Support EMERGING Composite Score 1 Purpose and Meaningfulness

Report

- Summary Scores
 - Overall
 - By Domain
- Action Planning Template

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Strategic Planning Guide

- 1. Prioritize 1-2 Improvement Areas
- Need for change?
- Desire for change?
- Resources to support change?
- Barriers to change?
- 2. Develop a Measurable Goal

OWBI for Schools

Strategic Planning Guide

This Strategic Planning Guide is a tool for teams who have completed the Organizational Well-Being Inventory for Schools (OWBI-S) and are ready to engage in a strategic planning process to improve organizational well-being in their schools. The OWBI-S provides an overview of the organizational well-being of your school system, often surfacing numerous strengths and opportunities for improvement or growth. However, most systems have more opportunities for improvement than they can realistically address in a given school year. Therefore, this guide is designed to help teams prioritize one to two areas for improvement, develop a measurable goal, and map out an initial plan including anticipated opportunities and barriers, action steps, and a timeline.

Step 1: Prioritize 1-2 Improvement Areas

The Organizational Well-Being Inventory for Schools (OWBI-S) includes eight domains (Work Climate and Environment; Input; Flexibility and Autonomy; Professional Development and Recognition; Organizational and Supervisory Support; Self-Care; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA); Purpose and Meaningfulness; and Professional Quality of Life). The District Version of the OWBI-S includes an assessment of district implementation support. We encourage you to meet with your district team and review your scores on each area provided in the OWBI-S report.

Some teams have a clear idea of which improvement area they want to start with after they complete the OWBI-S. If this is true for your team, select your area and move directly to Step 2!

If you are not sure yet which improvement area is right for you, consider the following discussion questions to build consensus on which area(s) to prioritize:

- Desire How much desire (e.g., motivation, need) is there to improve this area?
- Impact How much impact would improvements in this area have on overall staff and/or school well-being?
- Resources What resources (e.g., staffing, capacity, financial resources, leadership support, community support, partnerships, expertise) are available to make changes and improvements in this area?







Examples

- Input, Flexibility, and Autonomy: By the end of the school year, the district schools' administration will collect anonymous surveys from the entire school staff regarding organizational climate. The district schools' administration will use the data to review the top areas of concern for staff and develop an action plan to address the top one to two areas highlighted by staff.
- Professional Development and Recognition: By the end of the first month of school, district schools' employee wellness committees will create a bulletin board in the staff lounge to highlight employees' professional accomplishments and personal milestones and will regularly update the board to highlight the diversity of interests and accomplishments at their school.



Strategic Planning Guide

3. Define Success

- Define what success looks like
- Consider opportunities that exist and current work
- Who will be involved?
- 4. Create Action Plan
- Short term timeline (0-6 months)
- Long term timeline (7-24 months)

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What is one step you will take to further your personal well-being?

What is one step you will take to further your organization's well-being?





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